REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending and subject to an election requirement. In response to the requirement for election of species, the Applicant hereby elects the species identified as Specie 2 (claims 14-32) in the event that no generic claim is ultimately allowable.

Newly-added claim 33, however, is generic to species 1 and 2. More specifically, claim 33 recites a method that includes determining whether a predetermined criterion is satisfied that indicates whether to map each of the plurality of logical devices to a distinct one of the plurality of functions. The predetermined criterion may, for example, be whether a compatibility flag indicates that each of the plurality of logical devices should be mapped to a distinct one of the plurality of functions (Species 1) or whether an operating system selected to be executed in the computer system supports mapping of multiple logical devices to a single function (Species 2). Elements (B) and (C) of claim 33 are similarly generic to elements (B) and (C) of claim 1 (Species 1) and claim 14 (Species 2).

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for extension of time is otherwise absent, applicant hereby requests any extension of time.   Please charge any fees or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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